

# Final Rites Held for Pastor of Nativity Church

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# COUNCIL TO EASE BUILDING BANS

## South Area Restrictions End March 1

Bans which have been in effect since last year on construction in the southeast area of the city will be lifted March 1, the city council decided Tuesday night.

The council voted to ease the restrictions on that date after they were told bids for construction of a new water system to serve the area would be received by the city on Feb. 6.

The territory now under building restrictions has been served by Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 3, a mutual firm, and the bans were imposed by the council when it was indicated that inadequate water pressure was creating critical fire and health hazards.

TUESDAY'S ACTION will have no effect on a similar prohibition in effect for the area now served by Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2, which recently voted to annex to the county water system. In addition to the city ban, this area has been placed under restrictions by the California Public Utilities Commission.

In other action, the council deferred a decision on suggestions that sites to be used by the Los Angeles Welfare Council and the Torrance YMCA be made available on the Civic Center.

ALTHOUGH several councilmen indicated they were ready to vote on the matter immediately, the proposals were referred to a precouncil meeting called for 6:30 p.m. next Tuesday.

In commenting on the request of the Welfare Council (Community Chest) and the YMCA, Councilman Willy's Blount said:

"If you do this, you'd better make way for the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Elks, Masons, Little League, Red Cross, and so forth . . ."

The YMCA has asked for 2½ acres and the Chest wants an area 150 x 150 feet for an 8000 square foot building.

## Cardinal Attends Services

Southland Catholic officials, led by His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, and Bishop Timothy Manning, joined members of Nativity Parish and members of the family yesterday in paying final tribute to the Rev. Fr. Joseph McArdle, pastor of Nativity Church, who died early Monday.

Solemn High Requiem mass was celebrated yesterday morning at the church Father McArdle had served since November, 1957. In addition to Cardinal McIntyre and Bishop Manning, who delivered the eulogy, the Rev. Fr. Patrick McGuinness, pastor here for many years, and other Southland church officials attended the rites.

FATHER McARDLE, who was 47, became ill last week end and died early Monday in St. Vincent's Hospital. With him at the time were members of his family. Fellow priests chanted the office for the dead Tuesday evening at the church and Rosary was recited later. A children's mass was celebrated earlier Tuesday at the church.

Father McArdle is survived by three sisters, Sister Aurelia, member of Sisters of Mercy, San Francisco; and Mary E. and Alice McArdle; and one brother, James J. McArdle, of Playa Del Rey.

THE PRIEST was a native of Los Angeles and was trained for the priesthood at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. He was ordained in Los Angeles on April 2, 1938.

During World War II, he served as a Navy Chaplain, and was in the South Pacific on troop transports immediately following hostilities there.

HE RETURNED to his church duties in Los Angeles in 1946 and was administrator and acting pastor of Assumption Church in Los Angeles for 10 years before being assigned to Torrance. The local parish was his first assignment as parish pastor.

In addition to his pastoral duties here, Fr. McArdle was spiritual director of the Catholic Big Brothers for the Greater Los Angeles area.

Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

## Boy Dies After Heroic Struggle

A 5-year-old Torrance boy was brought back to life by a team of surgeons at Harbor General Hospital, Sunday, but died again later despite the intense struggle to save his life.

The boy, Michael Leland Reams, 214 E. 223rd St., had been found hanging from a piece of discarded clothesline, and rushed to the hospital where physicians cut into his chest to message his heart.

## Local Sailor Lost At Sea, Search Ends

A search off Santa Barbara for a Torrance man lost at sea has been called off, the Coast Guard reports.

William C. Shields, 20703 Wendy Drive, third mate of the tanker Avila, was lost overboard from the tanker Monday in this 36th birthday.

The U.S. Coast Guard launched the search Monday, and resumed it Tuesday after Shields was reported missing. He was reported lost after he was relieved of the midnight watch on the tanker as it headed for Wilmington from San Luis Obispo.

Two aircraft and a Coast Guard cutter—crossed the area Monday until dark and then resumed Tuesday until the hunt was finally abandoned.

The missing man's wife, Gunvor, said Shields was a graduate of Kings Point, N.Y., Merchant Marine Academy and had been sailing since 1944.



WILLIAM C. SHIELDS Search Discontinued



DRAMATIC SCENE . . . Footlight Theater of Torrance players rehearse a scene from "Dear Ruth," a two-act comedy, to be presented at the city plunge Jan. 29, 30, and 31. Pictured are Barbara Bennett, as Miriam Wilkins; Robert Taylor, as Harold Klobbermeyer (seated); Irene Conry, as Mrs. Wilkins; and Lou Verne, as Judge Wilkins. (Herald Photo)

## Thespians To Stage 'Dear Ruth'

The Footlight Theater of Torrance will present their first production "Dear Ruth" — a two-act comedy by Norman Krasna, Jan. 29, 30 and 31. Curtain time is 8:30 at the municipal plunge, 3331 Torrance Blvd.

Director Herman Boodman, a Torrance school teacher by day, has used the arena stage in staging "Dear Ruth" which had a long run on Broadway before it was made into a movie. Fourteen-year-old Barbara Bennett plays Miriam, who causes all the trouble that eventually ends well for her older sister, Ruth. Others in the cast are Pat Melill, Irene Conry, Jack Cowger, Lou Verne, Jack Sparber, Evelyn Jones, Iona and Jim Claxton and Bob Taylor.

For reservations for the play call Davis 9-5521.

Organizations interested in having a Theater Party, call Bob Taylor at Davis 4-8358 for information.

## Election Certified By County

A report by Registrar of voters Benjamin S. Hite that annexation of Lomita and Torrance areas to County Waterworks District No. 13 carried by a margin of more than four to one was accepted by the County Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

Inclusion of the Torrance territory in the annexation had been opposed by the city, and a second resolution withdrawing the area from the annexed portions of the district was adopted this week by the city council.

A suit seeking to withdraw the Torrance area from the territory is now before an appellate court.



WALTER SCHEPPMANN . . . Heads Area Demos

## Demos Pick Scheppmann As Chairman

Walt Scheppmann, president of the Retail Clerks' Union 905, was named chairman of the 68th Assembly District Democratic Council at a meeting held in Wilmington Tuesday evening.

Named to serve with Scheppmann were Thirvin Fleetwood, Torrance first vice president; Mary Olsen Moran, second vice president; Manuel Betancourt, third vice president; Marie De Julio, recording secretary; Ruth Davis, corresponding secretary; and Louie Stango, treasurer.

Scheppmann also was elected as a delegate to the 17th Congressional District. Delegate at large to the district is Leo Serrano.

## Thief Gets \$2122

Liquor and cigarettes valued at \$2122 were stolen by burglars who broke into the rear room of a liquor store at 1669 Carson St., police were told Monday.

The loot included 32 cases of liquor in half-pints, pints, and fifth-gallons, and a case of cigarettes, police were told.

## Flu Toll Lessens

Absenteeism is down slightly this week from Friday's high figure posted in Torrance schools, it was reported yesterday.

About 20 per cent of the students and eight per cent of the teachers were absent last Friday, final figures indicated. The rate is about three times normally high winter rates.

The current flu epidemic, which felled thousands in the greater Los Angeles area, forced schools to double classes when teacher shortages developed last Friday.

## At Torrance Memorial

### Dr. Peeke Names Staff Chairmen

Doctors who will serve on the 1960 Executive Committee of Torrance Memorial Hospital have just been announced by Dr. George O. Peeke, incoming chief of staff.

Installation banquet is scheduled for the Palos Verdes Country Club Jan. 23.

Serving on the executive committee will be the following chairmen: Dr. James K. Lees, surgical; Dr. John A. Chapman, surgical evaluation; Dr. Richard J. Lescoe, tissue; Dr. Nathan M. Spishakoff and Dr. Jesse Frank, tumor board; Dr. Edward W. Knutson, medical.

Dr. Clifford E. Easley, orthopedics; Drs. William M. Johnson and William A. Davies, obstetrics; Dr. Milton I. Arnold, pediatrics; Dr. Jerry W. Greenhut, laboratory and x-ray; Dr. Richard A. Sullivant, infection; Dr. George C. Andersen, pharmacy; Dr. Philip M. Halloran, anesthesia.

OTHER CHAIRMEN include: Dr. Howard A. Wood, adjudication; Dr. Wing Mar, credentials; Dr. Frederic Ewens, grievance; Dr. Gerald M. Eastham, public relations; Dr. Harrison McCandless, program; Dr. John

W. Beeman, liaison; Dr. Ralph W. McNeil, library.

Elected committee members are Dr. John F. Nursall, Dr. Rodney A. Stetson, Dr. Robert C. Schaeffer, Dr. Eugene L. Cook will represent the hospital Board of Directors on the Executive Committee.

In addition to Doctor Peeke, other 1960 officers are Dr. Thomas E. Betenson of Redondo Beach, assistant chief of staff; Dr. Carlo A. Tabellario of Torrance, secretary-treasurer. Doctor Peeke practices obstetrics and gynecology in Torrance.

OUTGOING MEDICAL staff officers are Dr. Philip M. Halloran of Torrance, chief of staff; Dr. John F. Grube of Manhattan Beach, assistant chief of staff; Doctor Peeke, secretary-treasurer; and Doctor Tabellario, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Guest at the installation banquet will include members of the board of directors of the hospital. Doctor Nursall will be master of ceremonies and Doctor Stetson will serve as installing officer. Dancing will follow the dinner.

## A Penny for your Thoughts

"With virus colds reaching near epidemic proportions, what remedy do you recommend?" This is the question asked of five people in Torrance Tuesday.

Mrs. William F. Staretz, 1301 W. 187th St. market cashier: "My husband just went back to work after being off two weeks sick with a cold. He went to the doctor and had shots, then he had to stay in bed, keep warm, and drink a lot of juices. It just takes time and rest."

Mrs. Kay Kalata, 4451 Lennox Blvd., Inglewood, housewife: "I like to do my own doctoring. I think it is silly to run to the doctor with everything you get. I use old fashioned potions and massage along with drug store remedies. I get pretty good results, too."

Norman Kagan, Los Angeles, Broadway Del Amo watchmaker: "I think that people should stay home and not congregate when they have a virus cold. The more they get out in bad weather, and in crowds of people, the bigger chance they have of getting sick, or at least worse."

Mrs. Barbara Carroll, 5218 Doris Way, housewife: "I think people with a virus should go to bed and get plenty of rest. I believe in calling a doctor immediately I believe in staying away from other people to prevent catching certain things like this virus that is around."

J. B. Houseman, Long Beach insurance adjuster: "I have to come in contact with people with colds, and even go into their homes when there is sickness in my business. The first rule I use is not to be afraid. Then I use medicine, or a little whiskey, when I think I am getting the bugs."

## Thomas Will Seek Re-election Here

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (D-San Pedro) announced Tuesday he would seek re-election in the 68th Assembly District.

Thomas, first elected to the Legislature in 1940, will be seeking his 11th term.

The district he represents include the Harbor area and most of the city of Torrance.



NOW ON STAGE . . . Active Buddy Youngreen, popular El Camino yell leader, will be featured this week end in the El Camino production of "The Remarkable Mr. Penny-packer." First showing will be at 8:30 this evening at the Campus theater.

## Active Campus Leader Preps For Drama Role

Why doesn't that boy get a haircut?

Not every fellow who needs a haircut and is too broke to get one, has the legitimate excuse for the long locks as does drama major Buddy Youngreen.

The youth is prepping for the role of Horace III in the stage production, "The Remarkable Mr. Penny-packer."

Youngreen, 19, lives at 3968 W. 176th St., in Torrance.

NOT ONLY does Youngreen play a 16-year-old boy in the 1890 drama, but he is assistant director of the production, which will be shown in the El Camino College Theater at 8:30 p.m. tonight, Friday, and Saturday.

Youngreen loves people and is a familiar face at musical and vaudeville performances at ECC.

It is not uncommon to see the versatile lad at social functions, entertaining children

with stories and songs at the Annual Christmas Party, singing a duet in a musical, a member of the vocal ensemble, or appearing as a court jester at a homecoming coronation.

THE DRAMA major is best known to Caminitos on the football field as head yell leader. He was awarded first prize last summer at the University of Redlands while attending the annual yell leaders convention, winning over 450 others.

"It's embarrassing to visit the student personnel office each month to ask for an advancement on my monthly pay check," Youngreen moans. "But I just can't stretch that \$60 any longer, and I'm getting hungry." He is employed in traffic control by the college.

Youngreen is less fortunate than the majority of 19-year-old students attending ECC, who live with their parents. He is on his own and must pay \$45 (Continued on Page 2)